

### Status of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Services for Older Adults

To meet requests of federal and state officials, the Senior Tar Heel Legislature, our partners and stakeholders, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) has surveyed the statewide network of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) providers to assess service needs and learn about issues facing the service delivery system. DAAS has surveyed the network six times since February 2009, most recently in March 2014. Statewide 315 providers were contacted, 254 responded (81%).

The Land-of-Sky Regional Council, Region B serves 4 counties: Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania.

17 of the 27 county-level HCCBG providers responded, for a response rate of 63%

## Results

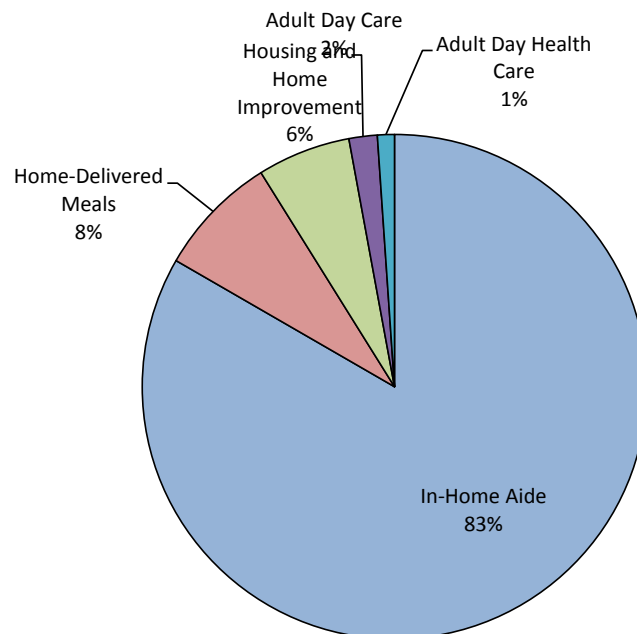
80% of Information & Assistance providers reported an increase in service requests

100% of the senior centers are experiencing increase demand for programs and services

554 seniors were reportedly waiting for home and community services; when projecting responses to 100%, there was an estimated number of 580 individuals on the waiting list

### Number of seniors on the waiting list by service

Service	# Waiting
In-Home Aide	460
Home-Delivered Meals	43
Housing and Home Improvement	33
Adult Day Care	10
Adult Day Health Care	6



What some Region B providers are doing to promote efficiencies and meet challenges:

In-Home Aide: 100% are prioritizing applicants and 75% are reassessing clients to reduce the service

Home-Delivered Meals: 100% are prioritizing applicants and 25% have reduced meal routes

Housing and Home Improvement: 100% are prioritizing applicants

Adult Day Care and Adult Day Health: 100% have increased the use of trained volunteers to be used as staff in the staff-to-participant ratio

Current challenges regarding funding and volunteerism:

44% reported that the hours volunteers can contribute have decreased

27% stated that United Way funds have decreased

33% reported that consumer contributions have decreased

**About the Home and Community Care Block Grant**

Established in 1992 under NCGS 143B-181.1(a)(11), the HCCBG was devised to provide a "common funding stream" for a comprehensive and coordinated system of home and community-based services and opportunities for older adults. HCCBG services are available to people age 60 and older, although the "average" client is nearly 80 and the program targets individuals who are socially and economically needy.

HCCBG is administered through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Area Agencies on Aging. It combines federal and state funds with a local match, and it gives county commissioners discretion in budgeting and administering aging funds.

HCCBG Services at a Glance (Services offered in Region B are bolded in this list)

**Adult day care and day health care**

Respite

**Information & assistance**

**Congregate and home-delivered meals**

**Senior centers**

**Housing and home repair**

**Health promotion and disease prevention**

**Care management**

**In-home aide services**

**General and medical transportation**

**Senior companion**

Health screenings

Skilled home health